

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 TANANA 00617 080552 Z

11

ACTION AF-18

INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 ADP-00 PM-09 NSC-10 SS-15 RSC-01

CIAE-00 DODE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00 PA-03 USIA-12 PRS-01

EB-11 AID-20 TRSE-00 NASA-04 RSR-01 /141 W

----- 001145

R 071300 Z MAY 73

FM AMEMBASSY TANANARIVE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5295

INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS

COMIDEASTFOR

CINCLANT NORFOLK VA

CINCUSNAVEUR LONDON ENG

C O N F I D E N T I A L TANANARIVE 0617

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MARR, MA, FR

SUBJ: FRANCO- MALAGASY NEGOTIATIONS

REF: PARIS 12294

CINCLANT AND CINCUSNAVEUR FOR POLADS

BEGIN SUMMARY: LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN TANANARIVE SHOW
HARDENING OF MALAGASY POSITION IN FRANCO- MALAGASY NEGOTIATIONS
FOR NEW COOPERATION ACCORDS. REFTEL REPORTED SIMILAR
DEVELOPMENT IN FRENCH POSITION. THUS CRUNCH IS AT HAND WHICH
WILL DETERMINE WHETHER THERE ARE TO BE NEW AGREEMENTS
BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. END SUMMARY.

1. ACCORDING OFFICIAL DAILY NEWS BULLETIN MADAGASCAR PRESSE
OF MAY 5, MALAGASY MINISTER INFORMATION LTCOL. JOEL RAKOTOMALALA
ANNOUNCED AT END COUNCIL MINISTERS MEETING MAY 4 THAT GOMR HAS
DECIDED FORMALLY REFUSE ANY INFRINGEMENT WHATSOEVER ON ITS
SOVEREIGNTY IN FRANCO- MALAGASY NEGOTIATIONS.

2. MADAGASCAR PRESSE MAY 7 CARRIES TEXT OF FOLLOWING OFFICIAL
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 TANANA 00617 080552 Z

COMMUNIQUE SPELLING OUT MALAGASY POSITON EVEN MORE CLEARLY:
" MALAGASY GOVT AT MEETING OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MADE POINT
OF RECALLING THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE OF A GLOBAL CHARACTER, AND
THAT IT IS READY IF NECESSARY TO GIVE UP RESULTS OBTAINED IN
CERTAIN AREAS IF COUNTERPART IS TO BE AN ALIENATION OF OUR
NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY".

3. MADAGASCAR PRESSE COMMENTARY OF MAY 7 REFERS TO HARDENTING
OF POSITION ON BOTH SIDES, AND ADDS THAT MALAGASY COMMUNIQUE
SHOWS THAT: " FRANCE WANTS TO BARGAIN OVER OUR SOVEREIGNTY,
WHICH IS INCONCEIVABLE FOR ONE THING AND UNWORTHY, IN OUR
VIEW, OF A COUNTRY CALLING ITSELF ' CHAMPION OF LIBERTY AND
EQUALITY'".

4. MADAGASCAR PRESS COMMENTARY CONTINUES BY STATING THAT
FRENCH COUNCIL MINISTERS' REFERENCE TO " TERRITORIAL PROBLEMS"

BRINGS OUT MUSTY SMELL OF NEOCOLONIALISM. " FRANCE, IN OUR
VIEW, CANNOT DISCUSS SUCH PROBLEMS WITH INDEPENDENT COUNTRY
LIKE MADAGASCAR". COMMENTARY CONTINUES: " MADAGASCAR WILL
HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH BLACKMAIL OF TYPE THAT: ' YES, WE
GUARANTEE YOUR MONEY BUT ON CONDITION THAT...' THEN FOLLOWS
A CONDITION INFRINGING NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY".

5. COMMENT: MALAGASY GOVT, TO DEMONSTRATE SOVEREIGNTY, HAS
OBVIOUSLY PUT FORTH VERY STRICT CONDITIONS PERTAINING TO ANY
CONTINUED FRENCH USE OF DIEGO- SUAREZ. IF FRENCH THOUGHT
THAT THEY WOULD OBTAIN MALAGASY CONCESSIONS ON THIS POINT BY
TYING FRENCH CONCESSIONS IN OTHER AREAS THERETO, SEEMS
APPARENT THIS WILL NOT WORK IN CIEW FACT THAT MALAGASY GOVT
HAS TAKEN SAME POSITION AS FRENCH GOVT THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE
OF GLOBAL CHARACTER, BUT WITH REVERSE INTERPRETATION FROM
WHAT FRENCH INTENDED .
MENDENHALL

CONFIDENTIAL
NMAFVVZCZ

*** Current Handling Restrictions *** n/a
*** Current Classification *** CONFIDENTIAL
@@@OASYS@@@<CONCATENATED>

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 TANANA 00617 080552 Z

11
ACTION AF-18

INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 ADP-00 PM-09 NSC-10 SS-15 RSC-01

CIAE-00 DODE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00 PA-03 USIA-12 PRS-01

EB-11 AID-20 TRSE-00 NASA-04 RSR-01 /141 W

----- 001145

R 071300 Z MAY 73

FM AMEMBASSY TANANARIVE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5295

INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS

COMIDEASTFOR

CINCLANT NORFOLK VA

CINCUSNAVEUR LONDON ENG

C O N F I D E N T I A L TANANARIVE 0617

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MARR, MA, FR

SUBJ: FRANCO- MALAGASY NEGOTIATIONS

REF: PARIS 12294

CINCLANT AND CINCUSNAVEUR FOR POLADS

BEGIN SUMMARY: LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN TANANARIVE SHOW
HARDENING OF MALAGASY POSITION IN FRANCO- MALAGASY NEGOTIATIONS
FOR NEW COOPERATION ACCORDS. REFTEL REPORTED SIMILAR
DEVELOPMENT IN FRENCH POSITION. THUS CRUNCH IS AT HAND WHICH
WILL DETERMINE WHETHER THERE ARE TO BE NEW AGREEMENTS
BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. END SUMMARY.

1. ACCORDING OFFICIAL DAILY NEWS BULLETIN MADAGASCAR PRESSE
OF MAY 5, MALAGASY MINISTER INFORMATION LTCOL. JOEL RAKOTOMALALA
ANNOUNCED AT END COUNCIL MINISTERS MEETING MAY 4 THAT GOMR HAS
DECIDED FORMALLY REFUSE ANY INFRINGEMENT WHATSOEVER ON ITS
SOVEREIGNTY IN FRANCO- MALAGASY NEGOTIATIONS.

2. MADAGASCAR PRESSE MAY 7 CARRIES TEXT OF FOLLOWING OFFICIAL
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 TANANA 00617 080552 Z

COMMUNIQUE SPELLING OUT MALAGASY POSITON EVEN MORE CLEARLY:
" MALAGASY GOVT AT MEETING OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MADE POINT
OF RECALLING THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE OF A GLOBAL CHARACTER, AND
THAT IT IS READY IF NECESSARY TO GIVE UP RESULTS OBTAINED IN
CERTAIN AREAS IF COUNTERPART IS TO BE AN ALIENATION OF OUR
NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY".

3. MADAGASCAR PRESSE COMMENTARY OF MAY 7 REFERS TO HARDENTING
OF POSITION ON BOTH SIDES, AND ADDS THAT MALAGASY COMMUNIQUE
SHOWS THAT: " FRANCE WANTS TO BARGAIN OVER OUR SOVEREIGNTY,

WHICH IS INCONCEIVABLE FOR ONE THING AND UNWORTHY, IN OUR VIEW, OF A COUNTRY CALLING ITSELF ' CHAMPION OF LIBERTY AND EQUALITY'".

4. MADAGASCAR PRESS COMMENTARY CONTINUES BY STATING THAT FRENCH COUNCIL MINISTERS' REFERENCE TO " TERRITORIAL PROBLEMS"

BRINGS OUT MUSTY SMELL OF NEOCOLONIALISM. " FRANCE, IN OUR VIEW, CANNOT DISCUSS SUCH PROBLEMS WITH INDEPENDENT COUNTRY LIKE MADAGASCAR". COMMENTARY CONTINUES: " MADAGASCAR WILL HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH BLACKMAIL OF TYPE THAT: ' YES, WE GUARANTEE YOUR MONEY BUT ON CONDITION THAT...' THEN FOLLOWS A CONDITION INFRINGING NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY".

5. COMMENT: MALAGASY GOVT, TO DEMONSTRATE SOVEREIGNTY, HAS OBVIOUSLY PUT FORTH VERY STRICT CONDITIONS PERTAINING TO ANY CONTINUED FRENCH USE OF DIEGO- SUAREZ. IF FRENCH THOUGHT THAT THEY WOULD OBTAIN MALAGASY CONCESSIONS ON THIS POINT BY TYING FRENCH CONCESSIONS IN OTHER AREAS THERETO, SEEMS APPARENT THIS WILL NOT WORK IN CIEW FACT THAT MALAGASY GOVT HAS TAKEN SAME POSITION AS FRENCH GOVT THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE OF GLOBAL CHARACTER, BUT WITH REVERSE INTERPRETATION FROM WHAT FRENCH INTENDED .
MENDENHALL

CONFIDENTIAL
NMAFVVZCZ

*** Current Handling Restrictions *** n/a
*** Current Classification *** CONFIDENTIAL

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PFOR
Control Number: n/a
Copy: <CONCATENATED>
Draft Date: 07 MAY 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: willialc
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973TANANA00617
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GDS
Errors: n/a
Film Number: n/a
From: TANANARIVE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19730538/aaaaglo.tel
Line Count: 195
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 4
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 73 PARIS 12294
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: willialc
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 03 AUG 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <03-Aug-2001 by boyleja>; APPROVED <03-Oct-2001 by willialc>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: <DBA CORRECTED> mcm 971224
Subject: FRANCO- MALAGASY NEGOTIATIONS
TAGS: MARR, FR, MA
To: AF
CINCLANT NORFOLK VA
CINCUSNAVEUR LONDON
COMIDEASTFOR
PARIS
SECSTATE WASHDC
Type: TE

Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005